



Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting
December 17, 2008
10:00 am
State House Room 313
Providence, RI

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance:

Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts
Senator June Gibbs
Lori Rossi
Alan Tavares
Bonnie Sekeres
Maria Barros
Joan Wood
Holly Garvey
Paula Parker
Angelo Rotella
Rick Baccus
Jim Flanagan
Bonnie Larson
Elaina Goldstein
Melinda Thomas

Joseph Parente
Alicia Einhorn
Michael Varadian
Ray Rusin
Kathleen Heren
David Dosa
Jill Anderson
Susan Sweet
Roberta Merkle
Karen Amado
Cynthia Conant-Arp
Kathleen Kelly
Jennifer Wood
Daniel Meuse

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:06am

The chair requested that the meeting begin with a moment of silence in memory of Roberta Hawkins, longtime advocate and state long-term care ombudsman.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved unanimously.

The chair called on Ray Rusin from the Department of Health to report on the oversight and surveying activities of the department. Mr. Rusin reported that in November, there were no new substandard quality of care findings in any surveys.

The chair introduced Elaina Goldstein from Rhodes to Independence to make a presentation on the Home Modifications 101 workbook.

Ms. Goldstein stated that the goals of the book is to assist people in determining what they need to stay in their home, how to make their home safer, and how to finance modifications. Ms. Goldstein stated that the workbook will be updated on an annual basis. Going forward, an important facet of the workbook will be to assist in navigating the interaction of home modifications and the Medicaid system.

The chair recognized Sen. June Gibbs for her years of dedicated service to the State of Rhode Island and the Long Term Care Coordinating Council.

The chair recognized Bonnie Sekeres discussed the work of the Discharge Planning Workgroup. The work of the group has changed over the course of two months. The group is currently working on identifying and gathering the information that will be included on a state resource.

Kathy Heren reported on the ongoing work of the statewide pressure ulcer collaborative. The work is continuing and the first meeting of the collaborative providers will be in January.

Cindy Conant-Arp stated that Adult Day providers were called to an emergency budget meeting with the Department of Elderly Affairs that had 2 items. The first is a discussion of cutting Ride services for Adult Day centers to 3 days a week. The second is that Perry Sullivan funds were not transferred to the Department of Elderly Affairs in order to cover the Adult Day rate increase. The meeting did not have any announcements of policy change, but just a notification of potential changes and problems.

Kathleen Kelly stated that state portions of SSI payments have been reduced by 20%. There was a 4.8% increase on a federal level and the state cut its contribution proportionally.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09am